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Group Art Unit: 2484

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Application No.: 10/500,401	: Group Art Unit: 2484
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Filed: February 2, 2005	: Examiner: S. Y. Hasan
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	:
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING	:
INFORMATION AND COMPUTER PROGRAM	:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2011, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-11 and 14-20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: